



NEWS in brief

Police have shootout with robber

Police and a robber had a shootout in a Jerusalem apartment yesterday, but the robber apparently escaped to the territories...

Driver crashes down ditch, is hit by train

A driver was seriously injured early yesterday morning when he lost control of his car on the Yavne-Ashdod road, crashed down a ditch onto railroad tracks, and was then hit by a passing train...

Palestinian infiltrator caught on PA bus

IDF troops caught an Arab infiltrator attempting to sneak into Israel yesterday while hiding in the baggage compartment of a bus transporting Palestinian police from the West Bank to the Gaza Strip...

Senior US counter-terrorism officials here

A senior US defense and military delegation is here to work with Israeli counter-terrorism experts as part of President Clinton's commitment to fight terror, defense officials said.



Heralding Hadassah Jewish Agency Chairman Avraham Burg (left), his wife (center) and Hadassah President Marilyn Post attend last night's opening ceremony of the Hadassah National Board Midwinter Conference in Jerusalem...

NEWSLINE with Prof. Gabriel Sheffer. What do you think about giving the vote to Israeli citizens not living in the country? I do not oppose it. The claim that Israel is becoming a 'normal' country is correct...

Many Israelis in US look forward to voting

NEW YORK - The prospect of voting in Israeli elections was gleefully anticipated by many Israelis in the metropolitan New York area, both for the ballot and its symbolism. The voting measure 'seems to be last step in a slow process [to stop] disenfranchising anyone who is Israeli and living outside the country'...

Gov't releasing more homes in territories for sale

A Housing Ministry-sponsored advertisement appeared in a number of newspapers yesterday offering some 1,500 housing units in the territories whose sale was frozen under the previous government. The decision to lift the freeze on these apartments was made in October, and nearly 1,500 of the 3,000 units that were completed but not sold under the Rabin government have been sold since...

South Africa defers arms sale to Syria

By DAVID MAKOVSKY and news agencies. The South African cabinet announced yesterday that it was deferring a controversial plan to sell sophisticated arms to Syria and South African Foreign Minister Alfred Nzo informed Israeli Ambassador Victor Harel that the issue would only be re-examined in three years.

Joint patrols proving a success

By JON IMMANUEL. On Har Manoach, as the rain clouds gathered, IDF soldiers and Palestinian police prepared yesterday to set off on another of the joint patrols which were inaugurated this week. The soldiers are chosen according to their ability to get along. In every patrol there is an Israeli Arabic speaker, and an English speaker on both sides.

Man threatens to blow himself up near Rabin's house

By RAINE MARCUS. A Jaffa man threatened to blow himself up outside Leah Rabin's home in Ramat Aviv yesterday if he was not allowed to speak to her. The man, 37, who does not have a police record, told police that he had attached bombs to his body and his car also contained explosives.

Arafat: We'll set up a state

A Palestinian state will be established 'at the appropriate time,' following Israel's final pullback in the territories late next year, Palestinian Authority Chairman Yasser Arafat said in Cairo yesterday. In response, Prime Minister Netanyahu said on Channel 1 that Israel has a plan of action should Arafat carry through his plan.

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Israel Airports Authority. Tender No. 4/97 for license to provide money changing services, VAT refunds and financial services at Ben-Gurion Airport. CORRECTION. 1. The Israel Airports Authority announces a change in the above tender notice which was published in the press on January 9, 1997.

HENRIETTA SZOJ. of youth-aliyah fame and a glass figure in her time, saved thousands of children during WWII. This is a bigger-than-life book, by the late, world-famous photo-journalist Nechama Hiri Glaz.

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### Weizman petitioned for release of Jewish prisoners

By LIAT COLLINS

MK Michael Kleiner (Geshet-Likud) yesterday presented President Ezer Weizman with a petition calling for the release of Jewish prisoners convicted of offenses in revenge of Arab nationalist attacks.

The petition was drawn up in view of the expected release of Arab prisoners, including murderers, and the presidential pardon of women terrorists. It was signed by 16 MKs, all from the coalition, including Knesset Foreign Affairs and Defense Committee Chairman Uzi Landau (Likud), Knesset Law Committee Chairman Shaul Yahalom (National Religious Party), Knesset Finance Committee Chairman Avraham Ravitz (United Torah Judaism) and Knesset House Committee Chairman Raphael Pinkasi (UTJ).

"We want equal sentences for Arab and Jewish criminals. If we could leave them all in prison, I would be in favor of that, but we are not. One can't discriminate between different types of blood when Arabs who spilled a great deal of Jewish blood are being released while Jews who also acted out of nationalist motives will continue to serve their sentences," said Kleiner. He said the release should be conditional on the prisoners expressing regret.

"There is no reason for a terrorist to be released when the person who reacted to his attack with an act of revenge remains in prison," he said.

The petition refers to 19 prisoners, some of whom were minors when they committed the attacks such as those responsible for the attack in the Old City's Botcher's Market. The list includes Ami Popper, the Kahalani brothers and Yoram Skolniek. In some cases, the MKs are not asking for the Jewish prisoners to be released but just that their sentences be commuted and conditions eased.

MK Walid Sadek (Meretz) submitted a different petition to the president, signed by 12 MKs, calling for the release of 53 Israeli Arab security prisoners, saying many were old and sick. "Since we are in a new age of dialogue and sustainable peace between Israel and the Arab states it would be an appropriate gesture to release them," he said.



**Federman freed**  
Former Kach spokesman Noam Federman, placed under administrative detention in November, leaves prison yesterday, where he was met by his wife, Elisheva. Federman, who lives in Hebron, was detained when it first seemed that the Hebron redeployment was imminent. His administrative detention order was originally for two months, and then extended by another two weeks. That period ended yesterday. (Assaf Shilo/Israel Sun)

### 5 Golan Druse arrested for attacks on Israeli targets

By DAVID RUDGE

Police and the General Security Service have arrested five Golan Heights Druse on suspicion of being behind the recent wave of arson attacks in the region, including two incidents in which petrol bombs were thrown at IDF patrols.

The suspects were arrested two weeks ago, but Acre Magistrate's Court had imposed a publicity ban on the case.

The ban was lifted yesterday, when police said the five suspects, two of them juveniles, had confessed to involvement in the nationalistic attacks and had re-enacted the incidents for police video cameras.

Supt. Eliezer Binyamin, police spokesman for the Galilee district, said the five would remain in custody until they were charged and brought to trial before a military court from crimes against the state. The three adult suspects were

identified as Amal Hamed A'awidat, 20, Yasser Hussein Hanjar, 20, and 19-year-old Naif Rafad Awad. All three, as well as the two juveniles, both aged 15, are residents of Majdal Shams, the biggest Druse village on the Golan Heights.

The wave of arson attacks began last July when the police post in nearby Mas'ada village was set alight and the Israeli flag was removed and replaced by a Syrian flag.

The attacks reached a peak last month when a firebomb was thrown at IDF troops on patrol in a command car along the border with Syria on the outskirts of Majdal Shams. There were no casualties among the soldiers, although their vehicle was turned and badly damaged.

The following week a firebomb was thrown at an IDF jeep traveling through Majdal Shams.

The last incident occurred on January 6.

### Beilin, Eitan final-status paper ready

By LIAT COLLINS

MKs Yossi Beilin (Labor) and Michael Eitan (Likud) hope to present a bipartisan document on permanent arrangements with the Palestinians by next week.

The teams of MKs from both parties finished their joint discussions Tuesday after three months, but Beilin and Eitan expect to meet again to finalize the document. It will be presented to Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu and Labor leader Shimon Peres.

The Prime Minister Office reiterated yesterday that the talks between Beilin and Eitan are on a personal level, and Eitan does not necessarily represent the government. The statement also said the premier opposes some of the clauses agreed on.

The two main points of dispute remain the nature of the Palestinian entity and the extent of the withdrawal at the third stage of the further redeployments.

Eitan also stressed that the document being drawn up is not a sort of compromise somewhere in the middle. It is an attempt to find a national consensus before Israel prepares for the talks on the permanent arrangements.

Eitan declined to reveal the details of the document. "I only say that the document for the most part expresses points of agreement, there are disagreements on only two points, the first being: what will be the status of the Palestinian entity - what stand will the government take when it comes to the negotiating, a Palestinian state as Beilin wants or a broad

autonomy according to the traditional Likud stand."

Eitan said according to the agreement most Jewish settlements would be annexed to Israel.

On Tuesday night MK Michael Kleiner (Geshet-Likud) and Ephraim Sneh (Labor) announced they would no longer take part in the joint forum.

Sneh said the attempt at reaching a broad consensus was positive but the results do not show "true agreement between the Likud and Labor. There is no agreement on the main point of the permanent arrangements, the fact that we are heading toward the separation of two sovereign entities. There's only softer wording over two different conceptions and it's not practical. And that's why I won't sign."



**Fifth-century crucifix found**  
This rare crucifix from the Byzantine period consisting of wood embedded in a bronze frame was found this week by archeologists outside Jerusalem's Jaffa Gate. The inch-long cross was uncovered in a fifth-century neighborhood built just outside the Old City. Ronnie Reich of the Antiquities Authority said he was unaware of any other crucifix from this period that combined both wood and metal. (Issac Harari)

### Kiryat Motzkin workers leaving the Histadrut

By DAVID RUDGE

Nearly all of Kiryat Motzkin's 500 municipal workers have opted to leave the Histadrut and join a new trade union following a lengthy financial dispute with the labor federation.

Orly Goldner, chairman of the works committee which has been leading the fight against the Histadrut, said 90 per cent of the workers had signed forms to join the Amit workers' organization, which is affiliated with Maccabi.

The mother of three, who works in the municipality's education department said the dispute related to recent strikes called by the Histadrut.

"All the workers paid their dues, but when we asked to be guaranteed strike pay for the days when the Histadrut called a strike we did not receive an answer," said Goldner.

She maintained that the Histadrut had sold out to the big works committees, such as the Israel Electric Corporation, and did not treat the smaller groups in

the same way.

"The Histadrut is controlled by the big committees, and does not represent the smaller committees whose workers receive only NIS 2,000 a month compared to those who earn NIS 7,000," said Goldner.

The Histadrut warned the workers they stood to lose their union protection and their rights under collective agreements that were reached via the Histadrut if they went ahead with the move.

From the Histadrut's point of view the Kiryat Motzkin workers broke ranks with the union by refusing to participate in the organized strikes.

The first incident occurred last summer, when the Histadrut called a nationwide one-day strike. It also refused to join in a strike last month called by the Histadrut's Haifa district branch in solidarity with workers at the troubled Haifa Chemicals factory.

The spokesman for the Histadrut's Haifa branch said: "It is a pity if the workers have decided to leave the Histadrut, but that is their prerogative."

### Matza rebuffed in bid to gain larger budget

By JUDY SIEGEL

Finance Minister Dan Meridor told Health Minister Yehoshua Matza last night that because of budgetary constraints, financial aid to the health system could be granted "only within the framework of the existing budget."

Any demand for additional fund-

ing would mean the reduction of expenditures of other ministries.

Matza had come to Meridor's Jerusalem office to work out a "comprehensive package deal" that would cut waste and provide additional funding for the deficit-ridden health system. A few days ago, Matza declared that the government hospital's internal-medicine

departments are filled to as much as 180% capacity, forcing patients' discharge within three days and "even endangering lives."

Meridor said at the meeting that ways must be found to increase efficiency in the health funds so that even heavier deficits do not accumulate in the coming years.

### Gov't to act against violence by Jaffa teachers

By BAT SHEVA TSUR

Increasing violence on the part of Jaffa schoolteachers is worrisome and must be rectified immediately, a committee established by the Education Ministry said yesterday.

The committee, set up following incidences of reported verbal and physical abuse by teachers in the schools, also said that methods of punishment had to be changed.

Parents and pupils told the committee that teacher violence had become a "routine method" of maintaining order in classrooms. The teachers, for their part, complained that the pupils were unruly and had no respect for the teachers.

Jaffa has many families with social problems. Education

Ministry officials said. Recent reports of teachers using corporal punishment convinced ministry officials to take immediate steps.

The committee, formed two months ago, included educators from the Tel Aviv Municipality and the ministry.

The committee recommended that ministry guidelines clearly prohibiting corporal punishment should be distributed to the teachers. The educators were warned of the consequences if they continued these measures and were advised how to deal differently with unruly pupils. The committee also recommended that educational staff be increased and more supervisors be involved. "Burnt-out" teachers will be offered early retirement.

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Plant a tree

Tu Bishvat, the Jewish Arbor Day, which is being celebrated today, has traditionally been a day for planting trees in Israel.

activities produce unwanted phenomena such as waste, pollution or congestion, or destroy natural scenery or resources, without the negative effects directly affecting the people involved in those activities.



Next in line to go

Ask not for whom the bell tolls, It tolls for thee. — John Donne

URI DAN DENNIS EISENBERG

That ominous bell, first heard in Hebron, should have made every pioneer in the Golan's 33 settlements, Labor stalwarts to the core, jump in alarm this past week.

Gurion foresees the madness that has overcome us in these modern times, that is causing us to give Hebron, the city of our nation's forefathers, to another people who are praying for our destruction?

There are clear signs that the Golan is being readied for sacrifice on the altar of peace in our time, at all costs

What would B-G say if he saw us now?

The writers of this column were among the 250,000 people who put up with the dust and heat of Golan in October 1994 to cheer on the Golan citizens who were on hunger strike.

The Labor government denied these claims of total surrender. But as Warren Christopher revealed in a recently-leaked letter, it is precisely what Rabin and Peres agreed to at the time.

During the Golan citizens' protest, Drona Shenk, that noble, fighting founder of Kibbutz Merom Hagolan, located right on the Syrian border, assailed Rabin, bithero her hero.

"He looked me straight in the face and lied about his real intention — to withdraw from every centimeter of the Golan," she said.

"I feel pity for him, losing touch with the driving force of Zionism that created our modern state of Israel," Shenk said.

The writers are authors of The Mossad: Secrets of the Israel Secret Service and other books on

Barak's team

AMOTZ ASA-EL

While a flabbergasted Israel this week contemplated the astronomical wages enjoyed by thousands of senior employees across the public sector, two men remained conspicuously silent: Labor heir-apparent Ehud Barak and his self-appointed shadow finance minister, Avraham Shohat.

As for Shohat, the former finance minister knows he is better off saying nothing about the grave situation with which he, more than anyone else, ought to be associated.

It was Shohat who, during four years at Israel's fiscal helm, flung open the budgetary flood gates by sanctioning steep salary hikes for schoolteachers, university professors, hospital doctors, municipal employees and thousands of other non-privately employed workers.

By the end of his term in office, the \$200-million current-account surplus Shohat had inherited from his predecessors had been transformed into a \$4.8 billion deficit. The public sector had expanded by 17 percent, and its salaries had ballooned by 20 percent.

When he finally had one worthwhile cause, the capital-gains tax, Shohat ultimately failed to make the political system follow his lead, largely because it didn't occur to him that the controversial move should be made part of a comprehensive tax-cut plan.

On top of that, the treasurer who repeatedly failed to balance his own books consistently bickered with the Bank of Israel over its responsible high interest rate policy, which was a direct result of Shohat's own fiscal extravagance.

Barak's tendency, so far, to

His shadow finance minister should be the man who is his main rival

focus on defense issues and foreign affairs while shunning the domestic arena, is dangerous enough in itself. Abandoning his economic flank to Shohat's devices could be fatal for Barak politically, and for the rest of us economically.

ONE LESSON Barak can already draw from Netanyahu's early months in office is that winning an election isn't the whole story, merely its beginning.

To avoid the repeated failures that stemmed from Netanyahu's glaring lack of contingency plans, Barak must soon assemble a team of high-caliber colleagues, commit himself to them publicly, and chart with them a detailed game plan to be implemented immediately they get their turn at the country's helm, should they win that turn.

A central figure in this team would be the shadow finance minister. And that post should by no means go to Shohat, but to Barak's main rival, Yossi Beilin.

Beilin, urbane, bookish and bespectacled, a former diplomat and university teacher, and Barak, the ever-sober, lifelong soldier, can get along together — especially when one considers the far more problematic precedents of the Rabin-Peres and Netanyahu-Levy duos.

Beilin would surely expect to land the foreign ministry; and that is also what most pundits would expect. Yet if Barak allowed it to be world risk enhancing, rather than undoing, Labor's overly dovish image.

It would be wiser on Barak's part — and far more beneficial for the country — to exploit Beilin's much less controversial experience as a free-marketeering deputy finance minister and minister of economics.

Beilin, unlike Shohat, openly supported Bank of Israel governor Jacob Frenkel's anti-inflationary monetary policy, and realized the urgency of demonopolizing, deregulating and privatizing the activities of assorted dinosaurs from Egged to the Electric Corporation. He also devised a detailed plan for deep budget cuts which would have included the downsizing, merging, and abolition of entire government functions.

Beilin seemingly possesses at least some of the economic vision Shohat clearly lacked. With Beilin guarding his domestic flank, Barak could confidently focus on issues closer to his heart.

The writer is a member of The Jerusalem Post editorial staff.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

FREEDOM OF SPEECH

Sir, — Who is denying whom freedom of speech? Several weeks ago, Abraham Foxman and more recently Neal Sher wrote op-ed articles in The Jerusalem Post castigating Morton Klein for taking the position that it was inappropriate for the ADL to invite Thomas Friedman to be the keynote speaker at an ADL dinner.

have no objection to Klein's letter protesting the ADL's selection of Thomas Friedman as its keynote speaker, if the matter remained a private disagreement between two national Jewish organizations which in essence reflected the divisions within the community on the path of the peace process.

But, surely, that is the very essence and purpose of free speech. The right to free speech means that the ADL has a right to invite Thomas Friedman, or anyone else it chooses, to be its keynote speaker, if it thinks it appropriate to do so.

in the past when an organization gave a platform to someone whose views were at odds with the stated aims of that organization.

With respect to the appropriateness of the invitation, personally I was amazed that the ADL, an organization whose work I had long respected and that I considered supportive of Israel, would invite Thomas Friedman, who has almost always been very negative on Israel, to be its keynote speaker.

MALVINA HALBERSTAM, Professor of Law, Benjamin N. Cardozo School of Law, Yeshiva University, New York.

POLITICAL NEGLIGENCE

Sir, — Bruce Maddy-Weitzman's arguments for continuing the peace process ("Mess of misconceptions," January 14) are so vacuous that considering his position, he should be sued for political negligence.

the Arabs to develop closer political and economic ties to the West. The Persian Gulf war removed many of the political obstacles restricting ties between the regional states and the West. Today, the West is drooping over the prospect of selling its most sought-after commodity, weapons, to the oil-rich Gulf states.

Specifically, the peace process has allowed the US to supply over \$14 billion of advance weaponry to Saudi Arabia, Egypt and Kuwait between the years 1992 and 1994.

The empirical evidence does not support Maddy-Weitzman's claim that the Arabs will use their closer ties to the West to address their domestic problems. A case in point is Egypt. Despite over a decade of "close" relations with the West, Egypt has not exploited its peace dividend to raise the per-capita GNP (\$684 in 1994) of its citizens.

relatively weak countries, Libya and Sudan, there is little doubt that Israel is the target of this arms build-up.

Maddy-Weitzman is correct in stating that the Golan provides no protection from missiles. However, the presence of Israeli forces just 67 km. from Damascus may deter Damascus from launching those missiles.

Finally, Maddy-Weitzman makes a fundamental error by focusing on the theoretical benefits of achieving "real" peace without considering the feasibility of such an occurrence happening. Again, we have the empirical case of Egypt. A 1995 Egyptian public-opinion poll showed 98 percent of Egyptians opposed full normalization of relations with Israel; 97 percent opposed cultural ties; 96 percent opposed economic ties; and 92 percent opposed tourist ties.

Maddy-Weitzman exemplifies the problem that many of the supporters of the peace process experience. That is, they fool themselves into thinking that the region is what they wish it would be, rather than what it is. SHAWN M. PINE, Beit Yitzhak.

PICTURE POSTSCRIPT



Two-day-old Rosza is nuzzled by her mother at the Milwaukee zoo. The little 'un was born a shade under two meters tall. (AP)

POSTSCRIPT

THE ORGANIZERS of a Spanish film festival said a brief 1947 porn film purported to feature a young Marilyn Monroe was authentic, but the actress's estate maintained it was a fake.

The grainy, six-minute black-and-white film showing a bare-breasted blonde engaging in explicit sex acts provoked a flurry of interest among collectors and a storm of protest from the Hollywood legend's estate.

Promoter Mikel Barsa said the film's authenticity had been verified by various experts. He said he was convinced it was a rare, if so-called, image of the 21-year-old Monroe when she was still the little known Norma Jean Baker.

"Several American experts in physiognomy (face recognition) have certified it as authentic," Barsa said. "It's her."

Monroe, if it is indeed her, looks cubbier and lacks the plastic surgery that helped make her into a 1950s sex symbol.

Barsa's company had doubts about the veracity of the film when first contacted by the anonymous collector who had purchased it for a few dollars at a Paris flea market in 1977.

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DEAR RUTHIE

# A real live father doesn't always make a good one

By RUTHIE BLUM



Dear Ruthie, My father died when I was three. My older brother and sister both remember having a male parent, but I have always felt a void. This is why it has been extremely important for me to be a good father to my children. Somehow all my dreams were dashed, however. My two sons, now in their twenties, are not speaking to me. They resent the way I brought them up. I am hurt by this, and amazed! I was a real, live father to those boys, and they have no sense of appreciation at what a gap the lack of a father can create. Their relationship with their mother has always been very good. She has tried to bridge the gap between us many times, but hasn't been successful. What can I do to mend the damage?

Fretful Father Somewhere in Israel

Dear FF, The first thing you can do is stop expecting your sons to "appreciate" having a father who didn't die when they were toddlers. They cannot conceive emotionally of having grown up with only one parent, since they were blessed with two.

Ironically, by trying to spare our children from traumas of our own childhood, we parents often create different kinds of problems along the way. Unwittingly, you may have alienated your sons in some

way while struggling to be "there" for them.

But this should not give rise to brow-beating on your part if you are to make any serious attempt at rectifying the situation. After all, you never had a father around from whom to learn what being a father means. Your "dreams" of a certain kind of family life grew out of yearning for such a life, rather than from experience. It is no wonder, then, that these dreams were "dashed" when your relationship with your children ended up following a different scenario from the one you had imagined.

Now, instead of dwelling on the past, you should examine the present. That your sons are grown does not mean that it is too late. On the contrary, sometimes merely the responsibility of young children itself puts a damper on familial bliss. Perhaps now is the time to try and understand the essence of the "gap" which is so painful to you. One way of doing this is to observe your wife's relationship with your sons. Listening to the message they are giving you through the "cold shoulder" could also be invaluable. As could therapy.

Dear Ruthie, I have been divorced for three years, and have been afraid to start dating again, even though there are a few women I know who interest me. My problem is that I don't want any more children (I already have three), so a woman who hasn't had children yet is out of the question. On the other hand,

I don't want a woman who has children, since I am not really crazy about kids other than my own, and can't imagine being a stepfather. This leaves only women who neither have nor want children - also problematic, because I think that there's something wrong with a woman who doesn't want children. So, you can see my problem.

Daunted by Dating after Divorce Jerusalem

Dear Date-Daunted, The problem I can "see" here is the discrepancy between what you imagine to be your interest in having a female partner of some kind, and your actual desire to connect to "flesh and blood." By intellectualizing your "options," you cleverly disqualify potential candidates before ever having a real person of the opposite sex sit opposite you in any context, including a date. This is an unconscious trick you are playing on yourself - one which, if successful, will prevent you from having a woman in your life for good. If staying solo is not your long-term goal, you must begin to confront the internal problem you are having in relation to women rather than the unsuitability of all of the women around you.

One final point the one "category" you failed to mention is women whose children are over 18.

Letters should be addressed to: 'Dear Ruthie,' POB 81, 91000 Jerusalem. For E-mail: editors@jpost.co.il

## Sensitivities, symbols crash around Canada

The nearly naked Indian is being removed from Ottawa's monument honoring Champlain; Jews in Quebec want the name of an antisemitic cleric stripped from a subway station; and the name of Chinaman Lake has been banished in British Columbia. Travelers in the Yukon, likewise, won't be using Jack London Road when they enter Whitehorse. London, it turns out, said some not very flattering things about Canada's Indians following his adventures during the Gold Rush - so he won't have a road named in his honor.

For a nonimperialist, un-intrusive, good-guy nation, Canada is still finding plenty of public symbols to sanitize out of sensitivity to Indians and other ethnic groups. Although the country has never started wars, didn't allow slavery, and in modern times elevated multiculturalism to official policy, its largely European sensibility tattooed the landscape with plenty of notions now deemed politically incorrect.

That legacy is being erased hit by hit. It is in the Canadian nature to be sensitive to others, said Kathy Watson, the mayor of Whitehorse, which was planning to name one of its main streets after London before members of the local Indian community raised questions about the writer's racial attitudes. Joe Jack, chief of the Kwanlin Dun First Nation, said members of tribes in the Yukon and elsewhere are sensitive to geographical names. Traditionally, they were used to link features of the landscape with tribal history or stories. Modern European names should not be insulting, he said, which is how members of the Kwanlin Dun viewed the naming of the road after London.

Some people were saying that the bias or the personal feelings or attitudes of people 100 years

ago should not be taken to heart at this late date, Jack said. The Kwanlin Dun, however, cited personal letters in which London appeared to advocate white superiority. Although the evidence was disputed by London aficionados - who argue that the writer was relatively progressive for his era - Watson said the issue was sensitive enough to cause the town to drop its plans and search for ways to use London's name and Yukon legacy in a way that would not offend the Kwanlin Dun.

"I can see where there is lots of room for progress in appreciating the challenges of racial groups and minorities," Watson said. "If we look at the way places and things have been named, there is a hugely European influence. I would suspect that this could be an issue in any town or any territory or province."

In Canada, the issue reflects a heightened sensitivity to the feelings of groups that create what the country thinks of as its mosaic of identities - a metaphor it prefers to the American melting pot. Chinaman Lake in British Columbia did not originate in a slur, said Janet Mason, the province's toponymist, but in honor of several settlers of Chinese descent who had frozen and died while wintering there.

However, Mason said, that particular word apparently has not stood the test of time. She said her agency will discuss what to call the lake and several other geographical features carrying the Chinaman name. A possibility, she said, is to research who the settlers were and use their names.

Similarly, the Indian figure kneeling at the base of Samuel de Champlain's statue in Ottawa was added several years after the original was erected to reflect the explorer's use of native

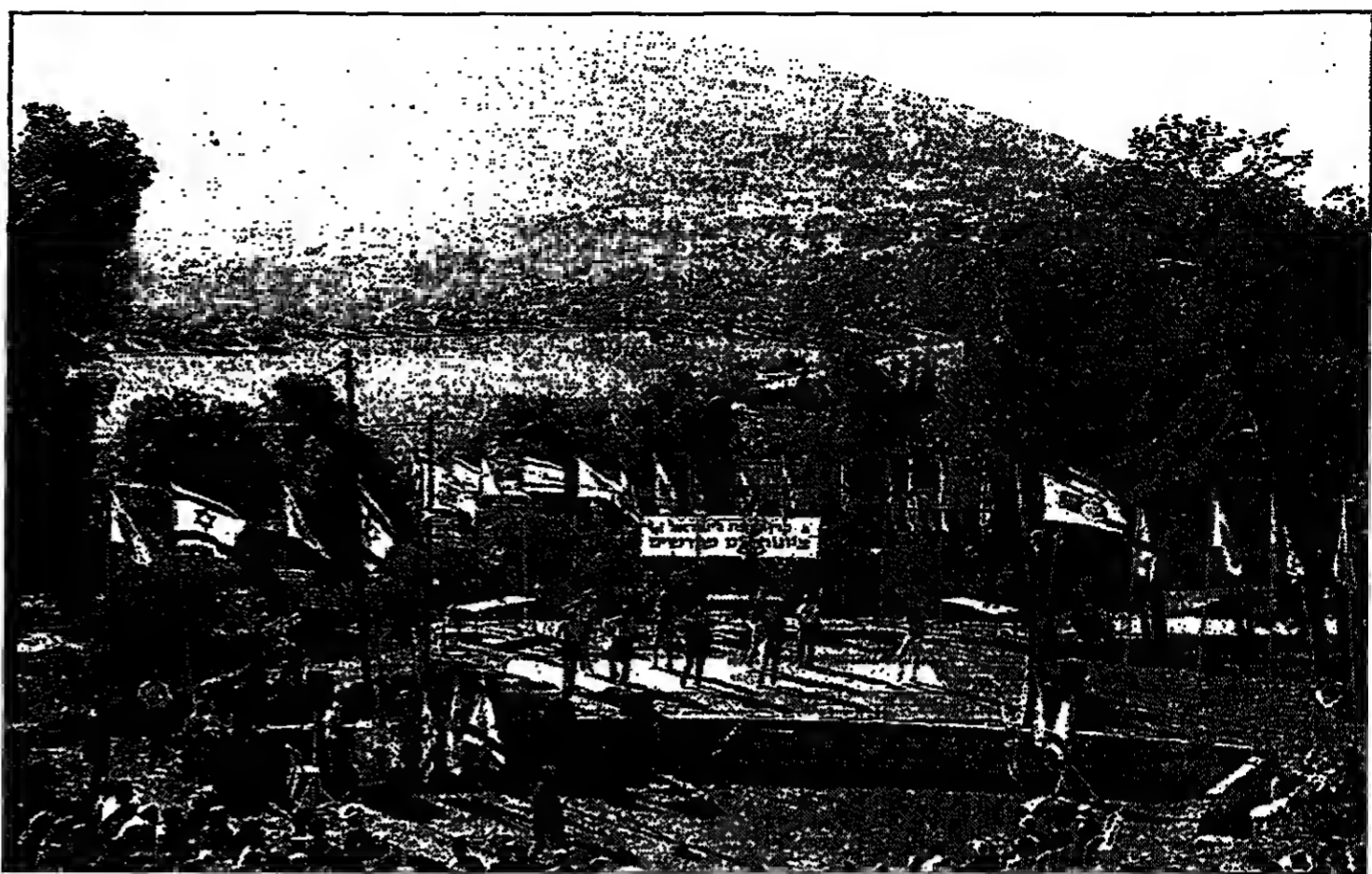
guides. But the guides' subservient position to The First Great Canadian - as the French explorer and founder of Quebec is called in the monument - annoyed local Indian leaders.

The National Capital Commission recently agreed to remove the scout and hopes, through negotiations with Assembly of First Nations leaders, to incorporate it in a new monument in a way they find acceptable.

In Montreal, meanwhile, the debate over symbolism is being prosecuted on two fronts - by members of the Jewish community in a campaign against the Lionel Groulx subway station, and by the government of Quebec against Anglo-Canada's royal representative in the province, the lieutenant governor.

Groulx, a priest, was a leading intellectual force of Quebec nationalism. He died in 1967, and was honored in the naming of a main Montreal subway station. Recent scholarship has documented that Groulx's writings were laced with antisemitism, and local Jewish groups want his name stricken from the station. The request is pending with Quebec's transit authorities.

The question is being raised at a time when debate over past sins is at a high pitch in Montreal. Two Quebec officials, including a judge, are under scrutiny following recent revelations that they participated in the separatist violence of the 1960s and early '70s. And the province's federally appointed lieutenant governor, Jean-Louis Roux, resigned after acknowledging in an interview that he had drawn a swastika on his lab coat while in medical school in the 1940s, and participated in rallies that ended in anti-Jewish vandalism. (The Washington Post)



Hundreds of children at a tree-planting ceremony during a dual birthday celebration for the JNF and Kfar Tavor last month. (Joe Malcom)

## The tree man of Galilee: Green thumb extraordinaire

By ELISA KORENTAYER

There is no chance Itzik Hido forgot that today is Tu B'Shvat, the holiday devoted to the celebration of trees.

For the past 45 years, Hido has devoted his life to trees. As the Jewish National Fund's area forester for the Gilboa Region, he's in charge of the care and maintenance of the forests of Lower Galilee.

In the course of his work, he has overseen the planting of 15 million trees in Galilee; his own hands have patted the earth around 250,000 freshly planted saplings. The fruits of his labor: the many lush woodlands of Galilee including the Churchill, Gilboa, Ein Dor, Birya and Nazareth forests, to list but a few.

The efforts of Hido and the JNF in land reclamation and afforestation show that the high value that Israel holds for trees has not declined over the years. However, Hido is concerned that too many of us neglect to cherish the beauty of the trees around us.

Even where tree-planting is an annual celebration and part of the Zionist legacy, Israelis do not often stop to appreciate the role of trees in the development of the modern state.

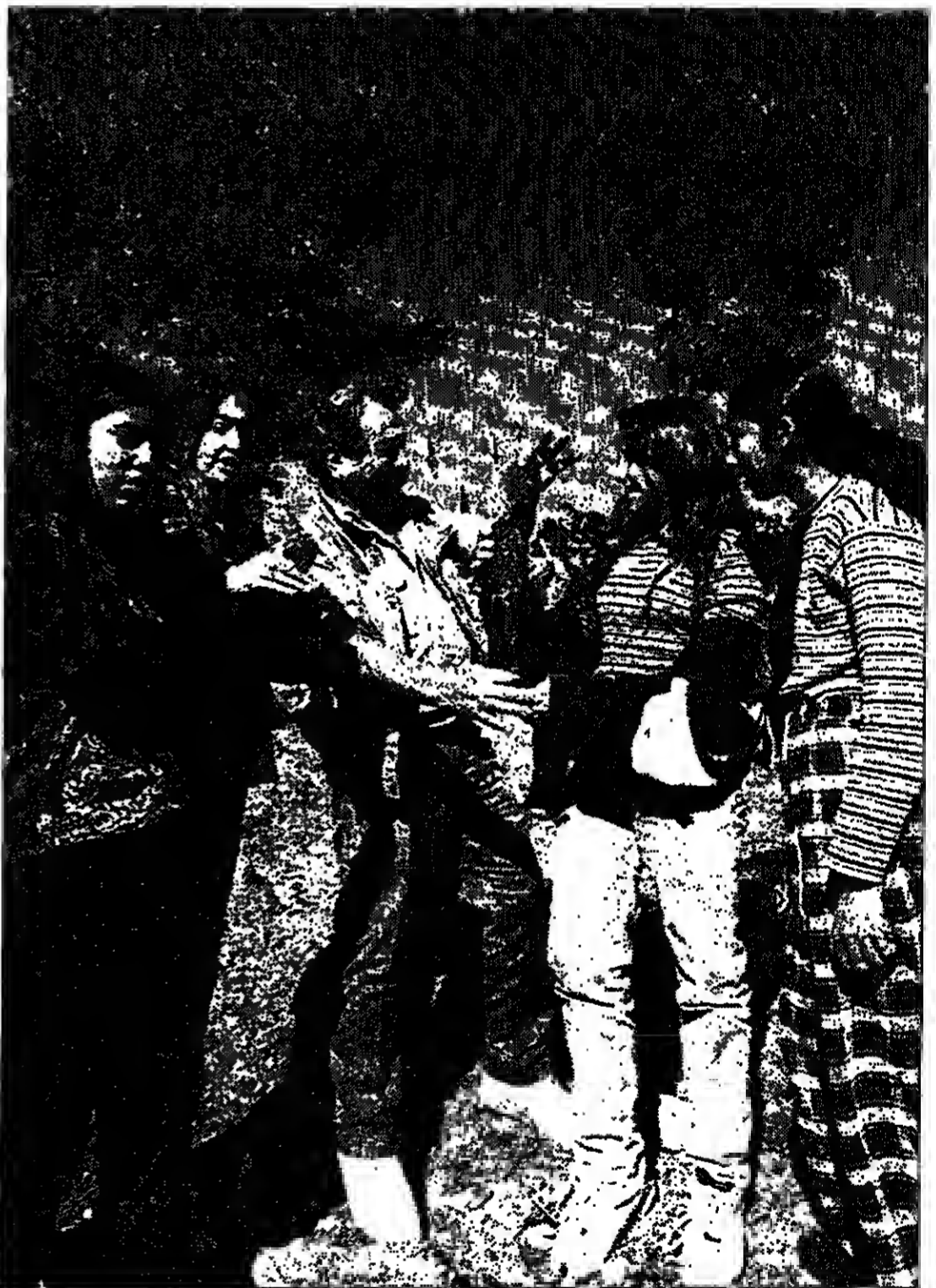
Hido believes that trees are much more than just the tools for land reclamation; in fact, they could be a means of solving some larger problems, such as coexistence. He thinks that Israelis should put aside their differences and work for the greater good of nature.

"Jews, Moslems and Christians must understand that the root is not nothing," he says. "We must protect this land, the parks. We [need] an active partnership dedicated to the peace and quiet of the forests."

"It is impossible to do it alone. It is essential to do it together."

What does planting a tree mean to Hido? More than just the act itself. Planting a tree, he says, "makes you part of the land; you belong to it."

With passionate intensity, Hido describes his love for forests. "Nothing is as beautiful as the middle of a forest." He sees the tranquillity, peace and beauty of forests as the hope and birthright of future generations. As such he believes it essential to instill esteem for forests in our children. "We need to show them how to



Itzik Hido with teens at a Kfar Tavor tree planting: Trees are more than just the tools for land reclamation - they could help solve larger problems, such as coexistence. (Joe Malcom)

love the land. If you love something, you will protect it." The best way to teach children is to get them involved. Hido arranged for hundreds of children

to plant trees a month ago, during a dual birthday celebration for the JNF and his hometown of Kfar Tavor. Hido would like to see more

active participation by parents on Tu B'Shvat. "Get in a car, bring your child and go to the forest," he says. "Go see the flowers. Go see the beauty."

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Galit Lipkis Beck

Israel-UK Chamber of Commerce awards firms

The Israel-British Chamber of Commerce is to give awards tonight to three companies which have shown outstanding performance in foreign trade with Britain in 1996...

Jerusalem Post Staff

Workplace conflict forum established

The government, Histadrut and employers groups yesterday launched a permanent joint committee which will examine issues of conflict in the workplace and economy in general...

David Harris

Statistics bureau launches Internet site

Internet users here and abroad are now able to obtain vital statistics on the economy, the census and other data from the Central Bureau of Statistics' (CBS) new Web site...

Chief statistician Prof. Yosef Yahav noted that the site is meant for economic and political decision makers and researchers as well as the general public...

Judy Siegel

Generali to consider Holocaust victims' life insurance claims

Shorer: Sale of Migdal to Italian insurer a separate issue

By DAVID HARRIS

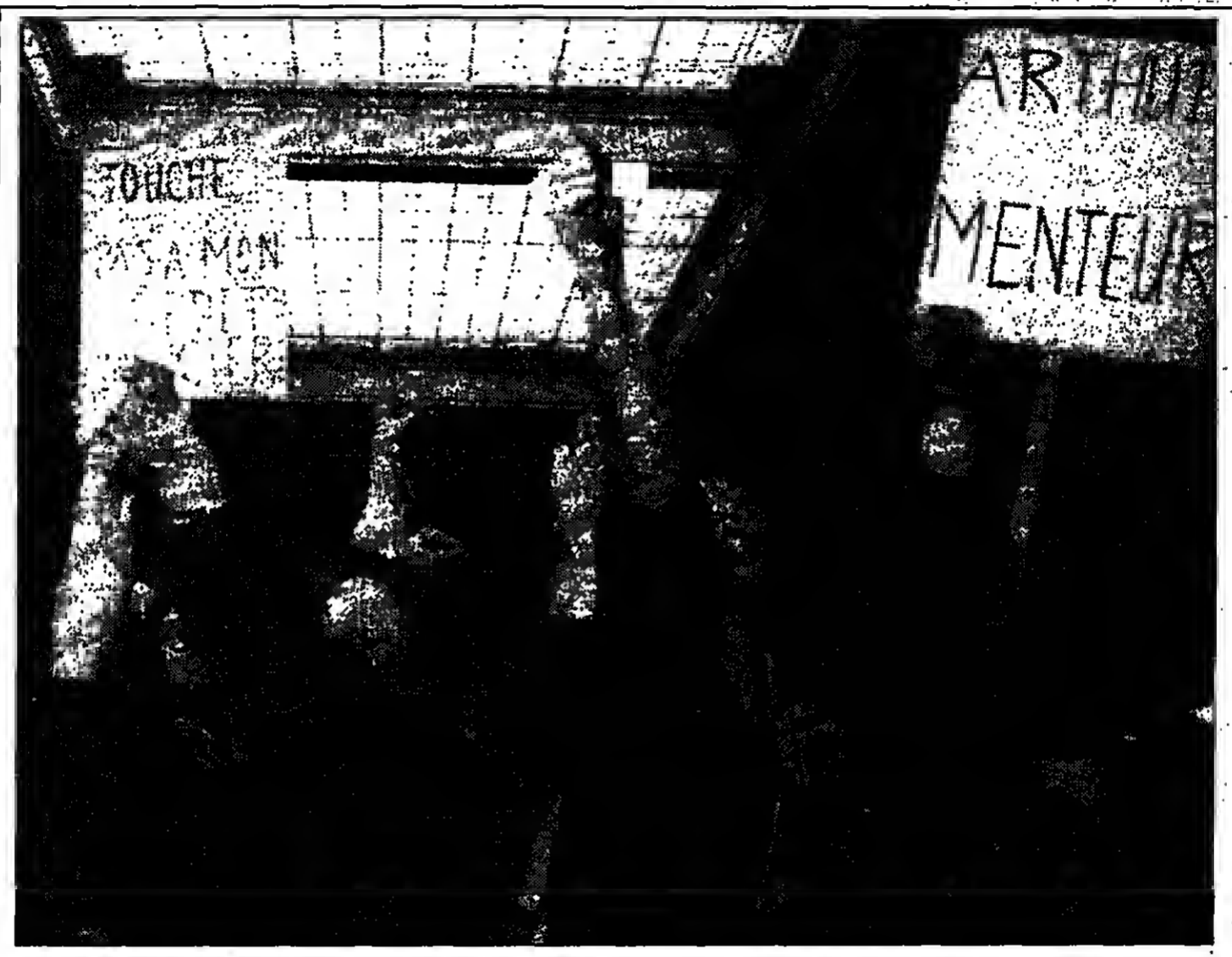
Assicurazioni Generali's legal representative in Israel agreed yesterday to investigate all outstanding claims from the families of Holocaust victims who held insurance policies with the firm...

The necessary certificate, and were told that there was no way the company could pay. Later, all Generali's assets in the country were seized by the Czechs...

number of other Israelis have approached him having found themselves in similar circumstances. Stern's grandson, Martin, told the hearing that 17 people had contacted him to find out how they can also attempt to recover their family's money...

Ben-Porat. Kleiner asked Ben-Porat why the company is contesting the issue, after all "we're not talking about millions..."

said the two issues are totally separate. "Generali's increased interests are to the good of Israel."



Ongoing strike

Credit Foncier bank staff hold signs and shout in the Paris bank's giant atrium as their siege continues into its sixth day...

(Reuters)

Private political risk insurance allowed

By GALIT LIPKIS BECK

The Israel Land Development (Hachsharot Hayishuv) Insurance Company has received the Supervisor of Insurance's approval to provide political risk insurance...

Hachsharot Hayishuv's approval to sell insurance policies of this kind is "a good thing" but will not be significant to the company's overall business, a source said.

IAI delivers jets to Cambodia

By STEVE RODAN

Israel Aircraft Industries delivered the first two of six trainer jets to Cambodia yesterday for that country's coastal patrol...

Secretary EK Sereyvat. Representing the Israeli company was Dory Weiss.

have been involved in the upgrade and delivery of L-39s to several countries in Eastern Europe and Southeast Asia.

The L-39 trainers can carry bombs and rockets and are deployed as close fire support aircraft.

Foreign capital influx to Egypt raises overheating fears in gov't

CAIRO (Reuters) - Heavy inflows of foreign capital have put the Egyptian government on alert for signs of overheating...

settle," said Boutros-Ghali, who specializes in economic matters in the prime minister's office.

burden that you have to make sure that you maintain that confidence. If anything it has increased our resolve to forge on and make sure that they [the reforms] don't go off track," he added.

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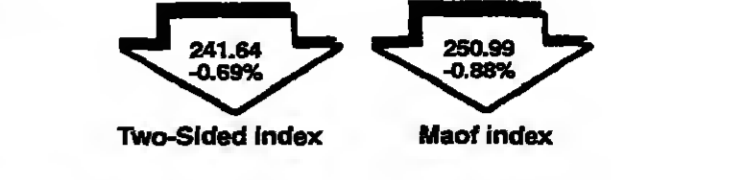
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Indexes decline

TEL AVIV STOCK MARKET
ROBERT DANIEL



Shares dropped yesterday following declines on Wall Street in some issues that are traded both in Tel Aviv and New York. Teva Pharmaceutical Industries, holding company Tadiran and American-Israeli Paper Mills followed their US shares lower. Teva represents nearly 10 percent of the Maof Index.

Nice Systems Ltd. dropped after its American depositary receipts were unchanged. Elbit Ltd. rose as it announced a telecommunications project in China. And two of the country's top chemicals exporters, Israel Chemicals and Bromine, rose as the shekel weakened against the dollar to 3.294 from 3.284.

The Two-Sided Index fell 0.69 percent to 241.64, while the Maof index shed 0.88 to 250.99. Stocks remain near three-year highs.

Across the Tel Aviv Stock Exchange, NIS 146 million of shares traded, 9.6% below the month's daily average of NIS 161.5m. Advancing and declining

issues were about even. Israel Chemicals was the most active issue, rising 1.75% to NIS 3.52 on NIS 12.8m. of shares traded.

Analysts and executives here have been hoping the shekel would weaken against the dollar. "Exporters are making less money," said Jonathan Half, who runs the Tel Aviv office of securities firm Oscar Gruss & Son. "Interest rates are way too high and the shekel is overvalued."

Teva finished down 1% at NIS 18.17 after its ADRs fell 0.4%; Tadiran, with interests in telecommunications, defense and consumer products, lost 2% to 89.49 after its ADRs eased to 89.49; and ADP slipped 1% to 133.98 after its shares fell 2.9% in New York.

Nice Systems, maker of digital voice-logging and archiving systems, eased 0.25% to 72.11. Mashov Computers soared 9.25% to NIS 3.76 as its Magic Software affiliate traded on Nasdaq leaped 16% on Tuesday. (Bloomberg)

WORLD MARKETS

Early gains eroded

LONDON (Reuters) - A steep early slide on Wall Street dragged European equities from the record levels they hit yesterday morning, spurred on by US Federal Reserve chairman Alan Greenspan's comments on the US economy the day before.

The dollar also retreated a touch from its earlier gains when it surged to levels against the yen and mark not seen for several years.

WALL STREET REPORT

IBM sends Dow lower

NEW YORK (Reuters) - Blue-chip stocks fell yesterday after Wall Street was turned off by International Business Machines Corp.'s earnings, but the Nasdaq Composite Index rose to another record high on upbeat results from other technology firms.

Based on early and unofficial data, the Dow Jones industrial average ended down 33.87 points at 6,850.03 and the Nasdaq gained 11.07 points to 1,388.04, beating Tuesday's record close of 1,376.97.

In the broader market, declining issues led advances 13-11 on heavy volume of 588 million shares on the New York Stock Exchange.

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# Israel salvages 1-1 draw against Greece

By DEREK FATTAL

The national soccer squad put on another pitiful display last night and was fortunate to contain Greece to a 1-1 draw at a storm-lashed Teddy Stadium.

The Greeks went ahead early in the match through Christos Kostas, only for dead-ball specialist Itzik Zohar to fire in an equalizer from a 28-meter free kick twelve minutes into the second half.

The monsoon conditions ensured that only a handful of hardy spectators turned up for the match. Those who braved the deluge found the rain had turned the pitch into swamp that made productive play almost impossible and full credit is due to both sides who continued to put on show that managed to resemble soccer more than water polo.

Neither team was at full strength for this match, and although coach Shlomo Scharf was supportive of his men after the game the inescapable verdict is that the decline that began with the World Cup qualification defeat in Cyprus has not been arrested. The total lack of chemistry amongst an opening line up that included six Beitar Jerusalem players was profoundly disturbing.

The Greeks were of a higher standard than their hosts throughout the game, and weathered the conditions more quickly than the

Israelis. In contrast to Israel's play, the Greeks purposeful economic build-up repeatedly pressurized Israel's defense and center forward Kostas proved to be a constant headache for his markers.

At the other end, Eli Ohana and Alon Mizrahi wandered around aimlessly as their midfield unit endeavored to aquaplane through the sodden centerfield instead of using the wings.

Shmuelik Levy had a poor international debut and Gadi Bruner was particularly ineffectual. On this performance Bruner would have trouble stirring interest at Atrincham never mind Manchester United. Both players were in fault in the ninth minute when Kostas zipped between them and successfully guided the ball into goal over the advancing figure of Israeli goalkeeper Itzik Kornfein.

The Israelis responded with their best-crafted move of the first period with Mizrahi and Avi Nimni conspiring together in a move that ended in a Nimni shot that which forced a spectacular save from Mikopouolos.

Nevertheless, for the most of the game the Israeli defense granted their opponents a measure of liberty more usually associated with a romp in the Greek Islands than the penalty area. They nearly paid the price in the last minute of the first half after an embarrassing mix-up

between Kornfein and Amir Shelach.

Scharf's four half-time substitutions - particularly the introduction of Alon Hazan and Felix Halfoo for Levy and Yossi Abuksis - brought more order to the side. Zohar began to assert himself and hit the crossbar at the end of an exciting move fashioned by Avi Nimni and David Arnsalem in the 53rd minute. The Greeks continued to threaten with Nikolaides bringing out the best of substitute goalkeeper Golan Malul in the next attacking move.

Israel's salvation came in the 57th minute from a fierce free kick unleashed by Zohar that took a slight deflection off the shoulder of a Greek player in the three-man wall before soaring into the back of the net.

Greece had what appeared to be a rightful claim for a penalty waved away by referee Amit Klein five minutes later. This was followed by a Kostas hitting the woodwork with Malul beaten in a move heralding a spell of total Greek domination lasting until the final 10 minutes.

At that stage with the visitors content with a draw, Eli Ohana had two clear chances to win the game. Had Ohana found the net, who knows what wrath the gods might have poured down from the heavens in reaction to such injustice.

# Jordan scores season-high 51 points

CHICAGO (AP) - Michael Jordan showed that he can destroy his enemies, too.

Accused by New York coach Jeff Van Gundy of befriending opposing players only to crush their spirits later, Jordan buried the Knicks with 51 points and carried the Chicago Bulls to an 88-87 victory Tuesday night.

"I guess I didn't make any friends out there tonight," Jordan said after reaching the 50-point mark for the 36th time in his career. It was the best scoring performance in the NBA this season.

Playing without suspended Dennis Rodman and injured Ron Harper, the Bulls won for the 10th time in 11 games and improved to 35-5. The lone loss during that string was Sunday at Houston. Chicago is 20-1 at home, with 13 straight victories.

In besting his own 50-point performance of November 6, Jordan reached the 50-point mark for the 36th time in his career. The league's all-time leader in points per game, Jordan is going for his ninth scoring title; this season, he's averaging 31 points - four-and-a-half more than anyone else.

Jordan was 18-of-30 from the floor, including 5-of-8 from 3-point range and 10-of-11 from the line. The rest of the Chicago team shot 35 percent from the floor, and Jordan scored all but two of the Bulls' fourth-quarter points.

Patrick Ewing scored 19 points for New York, which used a 17-2 run to cut a 17-point deficit to 80-78 with 6:22 left. Allan Houston, who had missed 12 of his first 13 shots, made two 3-pointers and a pull-up jumper to spark the surge.

But Jordan scored Chicago's final eight points, getting to the 51-point mark with a fade-away 20-foot jumper over Houston with 26.7 seconds left to put the Bulls up 88-81.



BACK OFF - Chicago's Michael Jordan pushes New York's Allan Houston.

Scoring leaders

Player	G	FG	FT	Pt	Avg
Jordan, CHI	40	460	265	1234	30.9
O'Neal, LAL	40	432	182	1046	26.2
Spivey, G.S.	39	333	280	1012	25.9
Malone, UTAH	40	402	228	1031	25.8
Oladunjo, HOUS.	37	354	181	882	24.1
Richmond, SAC.	40	338	215	963	24.1
Rice, CHAR.	37	309	178	887	24.0

TUESDAY'S RESULTS:

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Orlando 93, Washington 89
Miami 94, Atlanta 91
Charlotte 114, Houston 108
Chicago 88, New York 87
Indiana 92, Milwaukee 89
Portland 100, L.A. Clippers 82
Golden State 105, Dallas 93

# Hingis may become youngest Grand Slam champion this century

MELBOURNE (AP) - If 16-year-old Martina Hingis becomes the youngest Grand Slam champion of this century, she may have another distinction too - only tennis' eldest ever to fall off a horse during a major tournament.

The fall during an attempted jump on Tuesday didn't stop her from continuing her ride. Then yesterday, Irina Spirlea couldn't stop her advance into her second consecutive Grand Slam semifinal, falling 7-5, 6-2 to Hingis's precise, confident strokes under pressure.

Hingis made only one unforced error in the second set.

In the first semifinal of Hingis's young Grand Slam career, at the US Open last summer, world No. 1 Steffi Graf proved too formidable an obstacle.

At this Australian Open, the top three seeds - Graf, Arantxa Sanchez Vicario and Conchita Martinez - all had lost before the quarter-finals. Defending champion Monica Seles stayed away with a broke finger.

For a place in the finals, No. 4 seed Hingis next faces No. 14 Mary Joe Fernandez, a 7-5, 4-0 winner when Belgian giant-killer Dominique van Roost quit in tears and pain from an abdominal muscle injury.

"Her game suits me," Hingis said of Fernandez.

The other semifinal pits No. 12 Amanda Coetzer of South Africa, Graf's conqueror here, against 1995 champion Mary Pierce, unseeded after a dismal 1996.

The meo's semifinal lineup also includes some unfamiliar faces for such a late stage in a hardcourt Grand Slam tournament.

No. 5 Thomas Muster, an indisputed master on clay but playing only his second Grand Slam semifinal on any other surface, reached that stage by capitalizing on the errors of No. 3 Goran Ivanisevic for a 6-4, 6-2, 6-3 victory.

Ivanisevic hit 16 aces but won only 28 percent of his second serve points as he tried desperately for winners and sprayed 54 unforced errors to Muster's

14.

Muster now faces No. 1 Pete Sampras, who needed five sets to beat No. 10 Albert Costa despite losing his serve only once. Sampras saved 23 aces as he prevailed 6-3, 6-7 (5-7), 6-1, 3-6, 6-2 in 2 hours, 52 minutes. The Spaniard, successful earlier on a number of drop shots, netted one on match point.

Also in the semifinals, facing No. 2 Michael Chang, is No. 25-ranked Carlos Moya of Spain, whose first year of Grand Slams in 1996 produced two first- and two second-round losses.

Hingis said she won't do any more riding during the Open - there isn't time.

The fall, she said, "wasn't dangerous at all. My mom was there and she was laughing. Everybody was laughing.

There were no such mistakes on key points in yesterday's tennis as Hingis rebounded from early service breaks by No. 8 seed Spirlea in both sets. Her Romanian opponent bit some impressive winners, but in the second set had 13 unforced errors to Hingis's one.

Keeping up such mastery could make Hingis the youngest winner at any Grand Slam since Charlotte "Lottie" Dod captured Wimbledon at 15 in 1887.

Van Roost was trying to become the first Belgian woman to reach a Grand Slam semifinal in the open era, after knocking out No. 2 seed Arantxa Sanchez Vicario and No. 15 Chanda Rubin, a semifinalist last year.

But at 5-5 in the first set, an abdominal muscle injury that had bothered her for a week, along with back and forearm pains, flared up strongly.

With her serve and overhead shots fading, van Roost fell behind 7-5, 1-0. She had the trainer rewrap her abdomen, but the pain still worsened and she quit after losing three more games.

"I did the best that I could until the end," she said. "I had to stop. It was just too much hurting for me."

## Hornets 114, Rockets 108

Glen Rice scored a season-high 42 points, including 19 in the final quarter, as host Charlotte snapped Houston's four-game winning streak.

Rice became the first Hornets player to score 30 or more points in four straight games. He has averaged more than 30 in his last 12 games.

Dell Curry added 23 points, while Anthony Mason contributed 19 points and nine rebounds.

Clyde Drexler had 39 points and Haakeem Olajuwon 26 for Houston.

# Maccabi in Greece for crucial match against Olympiakos

By BRIAN FREEMAN

Maccabi Tel Aviv faces one of its toughest matches so far this season, invading Athens to battle four-time defending Greek champions Olympiakos in the Euro League tonight.

The contest is a crucial matchup for both teams, as only one game separates the two clubs in the race to finish in the top four in the group and advance to the Final 16.

A loss for either club would almost certainly leave it in fifth place, with only three games to go, since CSKA Moscow should have no difficulty defeating winless Charleroi.

Maccabi will need to raise their game tonight to a much higher level than in its easy victory over Charleroi at Yad Eliahu last week.

The blue-and-yellow are only 1-6 in the championships in Greece this decade. The one victory came earlier this season over Panionios, a club whose current 3-9 record in the championships shows it is not the class of Greek basketball, which has filled five of the 12 slots in the last three European Final Fours.

Olympiakos has advanced to the European title game twice (1994 and 1995) and rolled up a 38-18

final pool record, entering this season, since bursting onto the scene as a European power in 1993.

Although this year's club has slipped to 6-6, Olympiakos has maintained its dominance at home, boasting a 5-1 mark on its own court to boost its home record to 34-6 over the past four-plus European seasons.

The Greeks lost a tight 73-71 contest at Milano last Thursday but rebounded earlier this week to defeat arch-rivals Panathinaikos and keep a hold on first place in the Greek league with a 14-2 record.

The club is led by foreign star David Rivers, averaging 16.3 points and 3.8 assists a contest. At the midway break, Olympiakos waived its other foreigner, former NBA player Willie Anderson, but his replacement has yet to play with the team.

The Greeks have also been another man short due to the injury two months ago of leading rebounder Dragan Tarlach, who might return to action tonight.

Even without his services, Olympiakos has remained the best rebounding team in the Euro League, helped out by long-time veteran Panagiotis Fassoulas (6.1

# Vermeil named Rams' coach

ST. LOUIS (AP) - Dick Vermeil returned to coaching after a 14-year absence, burning to prove to the St. Louis Rams and the NFL that the game hasn't passed him by.

Vermeil, 60, was so fired up during a news conference to announce his five-year, \$9 million deal as coach and president of football operations that he spoke for a half-hour before taking questions from exhausted reporters.

"Ladies and gentlemen, you can't imagine how exciting it is to be here today," said Vermeil, who nearly broke down twice during his emotional monologue. "I have never been, in my life, more confident or better prepared."

## SCOREBOARD

BASKETBALL - Hapoel Jerusalem 87, Um (Germany) 86.

ENGLISH SOCCER - FA Cup (third round replay): Aston Villa 3, North Country 0.

League Cup quarter-final: Stockport 2, Southampton 2.

NHL standings

EASTERN CONFERENCE						
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Team	W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA
Philadelphia	27	13	6	60	150	114
Florida	22	13	10	64	130	108
N.Y. Rangers	21	18	7	53	165	136
New Jersey	23	16	5	51	117	111
Washington	20	21	9	45	124	123
Tampa Bay	18	21	8	42	131	141
N.Y. Islanders	17	23	8	39	177	137

Central Division						
Team	W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA
Pittsburgh	23	15	5	57	171	138
Buffalo	24	17	5	53	133	122
Montreal	18	21	6	44	153	156
Hartford	17	22	5	39	125	145
Boston	18	23	6	38	131	164
Ottawa	14	25	8	36	119	128

Western Conference						
Team	W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA
Dallas	25	17	4	54	133	114
Detroit	21	18	6	50	136	105
St. Louis	27	22	4	45	127	151
Phoenix	19	23	4	42	125	150
Chicago	17	23	6	42	122	129
Toronto	17	29	0	34	139	182

Pacific Division						
Team	W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA
Colorado	28	11	8	66	180	108
Edmonton	27	21	5	67	183	140
Vancouver	21	21	2	44	143	147
Anheim	17	22	5	39	125	134
Calgary	17	24	5	38	114	125
Los Angeles	17	24	5	38	126	153
San Jose	16	23	5	37	113	141

TUESDAY'S RESULTS:

Pittsburgh 4, Calgary 2
Edmonton 4, N.Y. Rangers 4
Dallas 3, Philadelphia 3
Tampa Bay 3, Colorado 2 (OT)
New Jersey 4, Los Angeles 1

# Mattingly announces retirement

NEW YORK (AP) - Don Mattingly, who left the New York Yankees and Major League Baseball after the 1995 season, made his retirement official yesterday during a news conference at Yankee Stadium.

"I guess I wasn't willing to pay the price to be successful," said Mattingly, perhaps the greatest Yankees player never to reach the World Series. "At that point I knew it was time to step away."

Mattingly, 35, said he intended to play in 1997 until early December, when he decided to stop working out.

Mattingly sat out last season when New York

won the championship. He began his career in 1982, the year after the Yankees lost the World Series to Los Angeles. That 15-year Series drought was the team's longest since Babe Ruth began wearing pinstripes.

"One of the saddest of winning it all last year was that Donnie wasn't with us," manager Joe Torre said. "He spent his whole life hoping to get into the World Series and never got there."

A six-time All-Star and a nine-time Gold Glove first baseman, Mattingly hit .307 in his career with 222 home runs and 1,099 RBIs. He was the AL MVP in 1985.

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**Sports in brief**

**Shugriz 12th place in figure skating tourney**

Mirba Shugriz is lying on 12th position in the European Figure Skating Championships in Strasbourg, France, after competing in the technical program yesterday.

Today is Shugriz's chance to improve her position in the second round to be shown live on Eurosport. Leading the event is Russia's Alla Kurik with Ukraine's Maria Shcherbakova. Zorana Jankovic, year's European champion, in second place. The Israeli duo consists of Galit Chait and Sergei Sakhmurov, who finished in 17th place in the competition on Tuesday and are also in the program for today.

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**Kobi Ziv out of Australian Open junior category**

Kobi Ziv, 17 in the world junior rankings, lost his first round match in the junior tournament of the Australian Open when Ziv, who had fought off the tough seed Dan Scahill in round 7.5, 6-0 in the first round, faced David Skarvin from Sweden in the next round. Ziv began poorly, losing the first set 6-4, 6-3, 6-4, but the deciding set, 4-7, 7-5, 6-4. Ziv reached the final of another junior tournament when he lost to Michael Young, 7-6 (3), 6-7 (5), 6-2.

CRITIC'S CHOICE

CLASSICAL MUSIC
MICHAEL AJZENSTADT

Countenour Andreas Scholl sings a selection of love songs from the English and German baroque at the Tel Aviv Performing Arts Center tomorrow (9:30 p.m.).

The 21st Century Ensemble performs Saturday (9) at the Einav Center in Tel Aviv a program of works by Varesse, Carter, Montegiu and Yivval Shaked. The program is repeated Sunday (7) at the Jerusalem Music Center.

Other programs at the Jerusalem Music Center include contemporary flute music performed by Yossi Arneheim with Moshe Zorman at the piano, tonight (8:30), and trumpet player David Glöck in recital with pianist Ofra Yitzhaki tomorrow (noon).

The Tel Aviv Chamber Choir performs the Rachmaninoff Vespers and the ever popular Missa Cypriota under Michael Shani at the Abu Ghosh Church, Saturday at noon.

TELEVISION

Earth 2, Channel 1's new science-fiction series from NBC, airs on Saturday at 2:35 p.m. Some 200 years in the future, when Earth's population is forced to live in space stations, a brave woman organizes an expedition to a distant planet which could offer the human race a new beginning. The advance party struggles to survive after it crash lands on Planet 0889.

There's a lot of classical music on Channel 8 over the next few days. Mozart's Mitridate Re di Ponto, one of the composer's lesser-known operas, produced by Jean-Claude Fall for the Lyon Opera with Rockwell Blake in the lead and Theodor Guschlbauer on the podium, screens tonight at 10 and tomorrow at 6 p.m.

Richard Strauss's Capriccio is a delicate, one-act opus (reminiscent of Mozart), which confronts a beautiful comtesse with two suitors, one a poet, the other a composer. Who will she be ravishing Kiri Te Kanawa choose? Will she go for the notes or for the words, for the beauty of music or the emotions of poetry? The San Francisco Opera production is glorious from beginning to end with a first rate cast conducted by Donald Runnicles (Saturday at midnight).

Other options are Stravinsky's Le Sacre du Printemps, played by the London Symphony Orchestra under Pierre Boulez (Friday at 10:15, Saturday at 4:15) and a documentary film about Hungarian composer Bela Bartok (Friday 9:30 and Saturday at 3).

Michael Ajzenstadt



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JAZZ

HELEN KAYE

The gospel choir the Spirit of Israel, and Shmuel Ben Israel's Prophetic Destiny jazz/soul combo perform a mix of jazz, gospel, blues and new-age music. Both groups, marvelous musicians all, come from and are members of the Black Israelite community in Dimona. At the Einav Center in Tel Aviv tonight at 9:30 p.m.

LECTURE

HELEN KAYE

"Go But Do Not Forget Me: The Homeland Dimension in the Life of Ethnic Americans" is the title of an English-language lecture by Dr. Yossi Stain, chair of Tel Aviv University's Political Science Department. He will talk about how immigrant minorities permanently affect their new country's development for good and bad. "It's mind-blowing," says Yenny Strum, the chairperson of TAU English Speaking Friends. At the Sherman Building (entry Gate 1) on the TAU campus tomorrow at 11 a.m.

TV

CHANNEL 1

6:31 News in Arabic
6:45 Exercise Hour
7:00 Good Morning Israel

EDUCATIONAL TV

8:00 Dream and Deed - the story of the Jewish National Fund

8:30 Family Ties
9:00 Arithmetic
9:25 Reading
9:45 Programs for the very young

10:15 Astronomy
10:30 Literature
11:00 Mathematics
11:10 French
11:30 Biology
12:30 Art
12:00 In the Heat of the Night
14:00 Surprise Train
14:20 Kitty Cat and Tom
14:35 Babar the Elephant
15:00 Autoto

CHANNEL 2

15:30 Thrivent Takes 15:50 Booty
16:00 Who's Afraid of the Dark?
16:25 Friends of Shosh
16:45 Zionism with Fuchs - central TV
16:55 Planning ceremony
16:55 Zap to Basel
17:34 Zap Around
18:00 Today Live
18:10 Time for Language
18:15 News in English
18:30 Hebrew Programs
19:30 News flash
19:31 The Simpsons
20:00 News
20:05 Football: Maccabi Tel Aviv vs Olympiakos Athens
22:30 American Gothic
22:45 News
00:00 Time for Language

CHANNEL 3

6:15 Today's Programs
6:30 Sharkay and Georgia
7:00 Breakfast
8:00 Santa Barbara
10:00 Pablo
11:00 Sirens - police drama
12:00 The Girl Next Door
12:30 Make A Wish
13:00 Rising Star - talent competition
14:30 China In Focus
15:00 The Best
15:30 Art Workshop
15:00 Poetry Club
15:30 Vis A Vis
23:00 A New Evening
20:30 Family Album
21:00 Star Trek: The Next Generation
21:45 Two Songs
22:00 Severity Faces
22:30 The Human Animal
23:30 The Cairo Geniza

FAMILY CHANNEL (3)

8:00 Sisters
9:00 One Life to Live (pt)

JORDAN TV

13:00 Program for Ramadan
13:00 Cartoons
14:30 They Came from Outer Space
15:00 Movie
15:50 Program for Ramadan
17:30 French programs
19:30 News headlines
19:35 Parenthood
20:00 Islam in the West - documentary
20:30 Babylon 5 - science fiction
21:10 Kung Fu
22:00 News in English
22:25 Islam in A Changing World
23:00 Movie
23:50 Minutes
1:15 Ramadan talks

MIDDLE EAST TV

7:00 TV Shop
14:30 The 700 Club
15:00 Gospel Bill
15:30 Mir Knesset's War (1973) - a rerun and his wife find their quiet life on an African game reserve
16:55 Royal Wedding (1951) - Fred Astaire musical in which he and Jane Powell are a brother-and-sister dancing team who go to London for Princess Elizabeth's wedding and end up with their own lives
17:30 Shesh-Tus
18:00 Hugo
18:30 Looney Toons
18:40 Blinky Bill
18:45 Simba the Lion King
19:30 Cream - Michal Yarni hosts
19:35 Neo's Modern Life
20:25 Married with Children
20:50 Roseanne
21:15 Lois and Clark

CABLE

ITV 3 (3S)

18:15 Yasin and Zebo
17:30 The World of Art
18:00 Amores
19:00 News in Arabic
19:30 Today - news in Hebrew
20:45 Telekesset (Spanish, 1991) - doctor Almodovar tells tale of a mother and father who meet after 15 years' estrangement, to find that they love the same man (pt)

ETV 2 (23)

15:30 All Together Now
16:00 Programs for Times of Our Lives
17:30 China In Focus
18:00 Destinos
18:30 Art Workshop
19:00 Poetry Club
19:30 Vis A Vis
23:00 A New Evening
20:30 Family Album
21:00 Star Trek: The Next Generation
21:45 Two Songs
22:00 Severity Faces
22:30 The Human Animal
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CHILDREN (8)

6:30 Cartoons
9:00 Nils Holgersson
9:30 The Center of Things
10:00 Open University (pt)
10:00 Pink Panther Show
10:00 The Center of Things
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PRIME TIME TV

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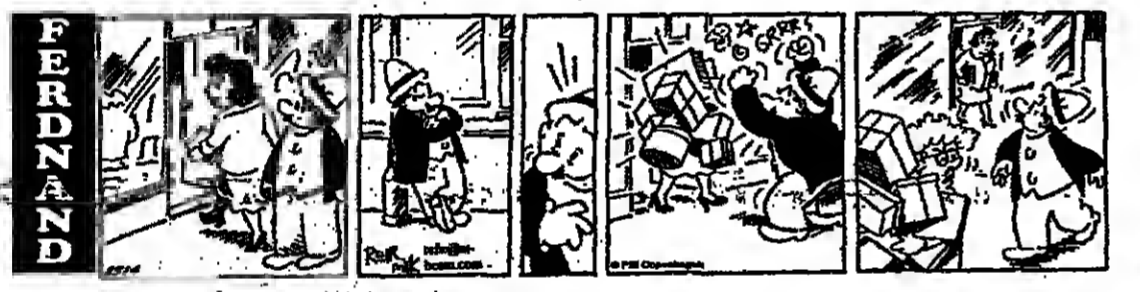
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Table with columns for time (6:00 to 2:30), channel, and program titles like '6:00 Master Chefs of Florida', '7:00 Kata and Allie', etc.

MOVIES

Table listing movie titles, times, and locations such as 'Jerusalem Cinematheque Twister 5, 9:45', 'CINEMA CAFE AMAMI 8:25/7:55', etc.



CRYPTIC CROSSWORD

- ACROSS
1 Key Socialist speech displays refinement (11)
10 Suggest using wood one metre thick (5)
11 One of life's winners or one who inherits (9)
12 Doesn't his conversion seem insincere? (9)
13 Follow by rail (5)
14 For actors it represents fair play (6)
16 Monk serves gin to priest first (8)
18 Bond offered protection against espionage (8)
20 Struggle to deliver bundles containing two tons (6)
23 One trade for a model (5)
24 Restoring balance by having an afternoon in bed? (7,2)
26 Having trouble finding how to preserve vegetables (2,1,6)
27 Window in an Oxford college (5)
28 Supervisors prosecute workmen (6-5)

SOLUTIONS section containing a crossword grid and the answers to the cryptic crossword clues.

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# NEWS

in brief

## Zandberg accuses gov't of foiling Addis flight

MK Eliezer Zandberg (Tzomet) held a meeting of Ethiopian immigrants yesterday during which he accused the Interior Ministry of creating unnecessary bureaucratic problems which led to the cancellation of a flight of immigrants from Addis Ababa this week. He also accused the ministry of foot-dragging in answering the requests of 3,000 Ethiopians who want to immigrate to Israel. The ministry said it was sending a special emissary to Ethiopia next week to study the issue. *Liat Collins*

## Three sentenced for election campaign attack

Amir Kedoshim, 19, was sentenced to three and a half years' imprisonment and two years' suspended sentence yesterday by Tel Aviv District Court for shooting Labor Party activist Arthur Yarosky, who was putting up banners during the last election campaign. Yar Kotzer, 21, of Herzliya received three months' imprisonment and 18 months' suspended and a NIS 2,000 fine, while Kedoshim's uncle, Avi, was given three months' public service. The three were convicted of aggravated assault and threatening Yarosky while he was pasting up the election posters on May 15 in Herzliya. Yarosky was shot in the leg during the altercation. *Itim*

## Knesset may allow more writing on graves

The Knesset Foreign Affairs and Defense Committee discussed a proposal yesterday to allow bereaved families of IDF soldiers to add more personal information to the gravestones in military cemeteries, including the names of siblings and a short dedication. The main discussion is where such information would appear, on the headstone or main part of the grave, and what dedications would be permitted. Members of bereaved families who turned up for yesterday's meeting were not allowed to address the committee, which decided it had enough material to work with and had heard a range of opinions in previous meetings. *Liat Collins*

## Knesset rejects bills to change direct election of PM law

By LIAT COLLINS

The Knesset yesterday rejected three private members' bills calling for a change in law for the direct election of the prime minister. The suggested change would have allowed MKs to oust the prime minister in a vote of no-confidence without dissolving the Knesset and holding new general elections. Under the proposals, new elections would have been held just for the prime minister within 60 days of his being toppled. The bills were presented by Ra'anana Cohen (Labor), Moshe Shahal (Labor), and Anat Maor (Meretz) with Dalia Itzik (Labor). They were each defeated by large majority of more than 10 votes. Maor said the new system of direct elections, held for the first time last year, had significantly weakened the Knesset's standing and increased the power of the premier. Before the law came into

effect, no-confidence motions were passed if a majority of MKs voted for them. If they passed the president was called on to decide which party had the best chances of forming a coalition. Under the new system a motion of no-confidence in the government does not pass unless a majority of more than 60 MKs support it. The prime minister can be ousted by a majority vote of 81. Cohen described the new situation as "unbearable." Shahal said the direct elections had caused a situation in which the opposition was being "punished" and could not freely express its lack of confidence. In two different bills, nicknamed the "Yigal Amir bills," Itzik proposed that a person convicted of murdering the prime minister would have no right to vote. She also suggested that criminals convicted of murder would not have the right to run for office.



## Honoring the Beit Lid fallen

Paratroopers pause next to the model of the memorial to honor the 22 victims of the suicide bombing at Beit Lid junction two years ago. A memorial and cornerstone-setting ceremony was held yesterday at the site where the memorial is to be built. *(Israel Sun)*

## Ganot to head PM's anti-terror division

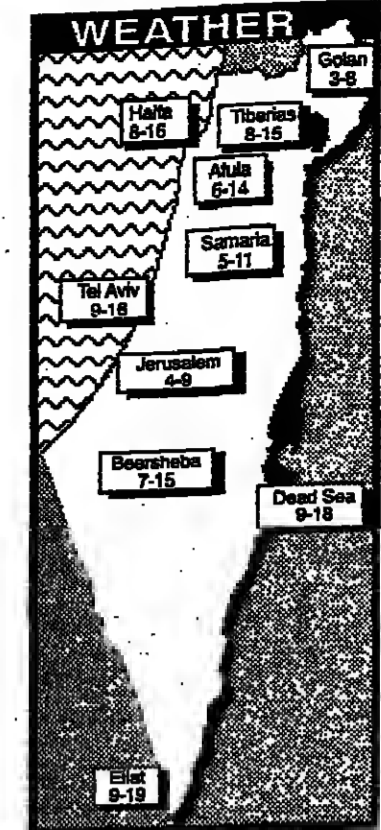
By RAINE MARCUS

Police Cmdr, Ya'acov Ganot, who was recently cleared by the High Court of Justice of bribery charges, has been appointed police representative to the Prime Minister's Office's war against terror division. The division is to operate in conjunction with the Internal Security Ministry. The appointment was

approved yesterday by Insp.-Gen. Assaf Hefetz and Internal Security Minister Avigdor Kahalani. Ganot, who had been Northern District commander prior to his indictment in 1994, will also lead a special new team that will develop strategies for the Traffic Police, in an attempt to help crack down on road accidents and traffic offenders. Ganot was given these new

tasks after many in the police force strongly objected to his appointment as National Special Operations Officer. The Nazareth District Court last May acquitted Ganot of bribery, fraud and breach of trust charges; the state's appeal of the acquittal was rejected by the High Court several weeks ago. In the Prime Minister's Office, Ganot will act as an

intermediary between police, the General Security Service and the Mossad on issues relating to anti-terror operations. He will also be involved in transport and education security and the assistance provided by the US to beef up security resources. Regarding his post in the traffic police, Ganot will be in charge of headquarters and organizational work.



Forecast: Rainy, possible thunderstorms.  
**Winning cards**  
In yesterday's daily Chance drawing, the winning cards were the seven of spades, the ten of hearts, the jack of diamonds and the ten of clubs.

## TA-Casablanca flights this summer

By HAIM SHAPIRO  
Israelis can expect to be able to fly directly this summer from Tel Aviv to Casablanca on either El Al or Royal Air Maroc (RAM), the Moroccan national airline, according to aviation sources. The aviation talks between Israel and Morocco have been stepped up following the Hebron agreement. This week, RAM, which is owned by King Hassan II, invited its Israeli representative, Ephraim Fortis, to come to Morocco to discuss plans to adjust schedules.

## Panel debates minimum wage bill

By LIAT COLLINS

The Knesset Labor and Social Affairs Committee yesterday discussed the minimum wage bill, which would raise the minimum salary to between 45 and 50 percent of the average wage, instead of 42%, and which would be updated twice yearly and not annually as at present. The bill was submitted in the last Knesset by MKs Anat Maor (Meretz), Tamar Gozansky (Hadash) Hashem Mahmood (Likud) and Meir Sbeirit (Likud). Several members of the committee, hotel and cleaning industry at the meeting yesterday said factories

would not be able to continue to operate if the wages were raised, and the bill would result in dismissals. Doron Tamir of the Industrialists Association said: "The question isn't whether a worker can live on NIS 2,300 a month but whether industries can pay it." Committee chairman Maxim Levy (Gesher-Likud) strongly supports the bill. "More than 700,000 people in Israel live below the poverty line. What more can one say about the minimum wages when we hear that the senior [public sector] employees earn between NIS 30,000 to NIS 40,000 a month and nobody claims that their wages

cause the closures of factories? Anyone sensitive to social issues must agree that today is the most appropriate time to raise the cry of workers who earn NIS 2,085 a month." Several of the MKs noted that the timing coincided with their own wages being raised an additional 7% on top of the 35% addition they received in October. In the plenum, a bill which would limit the maximum wages of senior civil servants and employees of public bodies passed preliminary reading by a large majority. The bill was raised by Maor, Ran Cohen (Meretz) and Haim Oron (all Meretz).

## Momentum for Swiss gesture to Holocaust victims

ZURICH (AP) — The president of Switzerland's second-largest bank stepped up pressure yesterday for a financial gesture from Switzerland in favor of Holocaust victims. Rainer Gut, president of Credit Suisse, said the Swiss government, the National Bank as well as banks and insurance companies should set up a fund to compensate destitute survivors of Nazi death camps. Other sectors of industry must join the fund later and it must remain open for contributions from other countries, Gut said in

an interview with the Swiss daily newspaper *Neue Zurcher Zeitung*. Jewish groups claim Swiss banks may be hoarding up to \$7 billion of Jewish assets, unclaimed after the owners perished in the Holocaust. The banks say the real figure is likely to be only a tiny fraction of that. The scandal also has reached Sweden. On Tuesday, media there reported that Sweden may knowingly have accepted gold looted from the national banks of countries annexed by Nazi Germany.

## Rehov Bar-Ilan issue goes back to High Court

By HAIM SHAPIRO

The Jerusalem Municipality has put the issue of Rehov Bar-Ilan back into the hands of the High Court of Justice by announcing that it has no intention of reopening Rehov Yam Suf to traffic on Shabbat. Ten days ago the court proposed that the Transport Ministry accept a compromise, under which Rehov Bar-Ilan would be closed on

Shabbat, but in exchange, Rehov Yam Suf, which borders Sanhedria Murchevet and Ramat Eshkol, would be opened. In reply, Transport Minister Yitzhak Levy told the court that he could not reopen Rehov Yam Suf, since it had been closed by the Jerusalem Municipality, and not the Transport Ministry. Levy then wrote to Jerusalem Mayor Ehud Olmert asking if the municipality would be willing to reopen Rehov Yam Suf. In reply, Olmert

told the minister that only a small portion of Rehov Yam Suf was closed, a section occupied solely by haredi families. Since the other residents of the street can still drive out, Olmert said, he had no intention of opening this part of the street. "The situation as it now stands is that the High Court will have to reconvene within a few days, receive the letters of the minister and the mayor, and decide," said Yitzhak Rath, Levy's media adviser.

## Maccabiah participants to take over TA hotels at end of July

HAIM SHAPIRO

There won't be a room to be had in Tel Aviv during the end of July, according to the organizers of the Maccabiah, which this year is marking its 50th anniversary. "They've reserved all of Netanya and every available room in Tel Aviv," said Maccabiah spokesman Zvi Vilder yesterday. He said that about 4,500 athletes are expected but that the total number, including families and other accompanying people, would be almost 30,000. Rooms have also been reserved in

Herzliya, Jerusalem, Bat Yam, and Zichron Ya'acov, he said. The budget for the Maccabiah, which is to take place from July 14 to July 24, is to be NIS 35 million, of which about half is to be covered by the participants and their sports organizations. About 8 percent is to be covered by the Education Ministry's Sports Authority and the remainder from the sale of tickets, sponsorships and donations. The official opening is to be in the Ramat Gan Stadium and the closing ceremony in Jerusalem's Teddy Stadium.

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